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The next thing you know L. E. Pinkham will be nominated for mayor.

The medical gentlemen who last night endorsed President Pinkham must, of course, have expected to be accused of being actuated by some unworthy motive.

No wonder some of the Pinkham men, after reading their press, feel that they would like a new paper. The intellectual output last evening wouldn't have added to the mental vivacity of a goat.—Advertiser.

Doubtless the persons opposed to Pinkham appreciate the high intellectuality required to call opponents goats and grafters and "animals that yelp."

If President Pinkham "has connived at the violation of federal law," so did Sheriff Iaukea. So did High Sheriff William Henry. So did every other president the Board of Health has had. So has United States District Attorney Breckens. And so will the next president of the Board of Health, the next high sheriff, the next county sheriff and the next United States attorney.

With a prospective assemblage of eighteen battleships, together with a large flotilla of other fighting craft, in San Francisco bay, there is left a respectable fleet in the Atlantic and this month, it will be seen by our mail news, a creditable demonstration of United States warships is being made in Chinese waters. Altogether the United States navy has grown to be something of which the nation may be proud.

The amount of public support the directors of the Civic Federation have, or think they have, may perhaps be guessed from the fact that they actually decline to make it known who were present at the meeting at which they assumed to oppose reappointment of a public official. It is noticeable on the other hand that all the other meetings to discuss the matter, excepting those of the Ministerial Union, are public, and so far all have been unanimous one way. It is further noticeable that all these public unanimous meetings were publicly called and advertised and the others were held unannounced, except to those expected to attend.

A mystery of the sea has been cleared up, to what extent is not yet known here, by definite information of the fate of the ship Arthur Sewall, brought to Philadelphia by one of three survivors—a Hawaiian sailor—by which it appears the ship was burned at sea. It is a gloomy satisfaction to the relatives of those who may be known to have perished that they know the sad truth. There are few things more pathetic in human experience than the hoping against hope of those near and dear to men who have gone to sea in ships that have been heard from no more—cherishing even for years the fond expectation that some tidings of the fate, if not the reappearance in life, of their lost ones may come from the mocking waves.

OUR CONVENTION PLATFORM.

Hawaii's Republican platform must contain an endorsement of the Roosevelt policies, which are also the Taft policies. This is not exactly consistent with an absolute "stand pat" policy as to the tariff. Both the President and Taft, as well as the Republican leaders in Congress, have declared for a revision of the tariff next year. This is the policy of the strongest protectionists in the country, and even "stand pat" Cannon is stated to favor it. The great Republican contention is, however, that the revision shall be worked out on the Republican theory of protection, and not on the Democratic theory of free trade. The issue is that, in revising the tariff, Congress shall do it to improve the protection policy, not to abolish it. Our local political sentiment is overwhelmingly in favor of this side of the question, and Hawaiian interests demand that it prevail. So we want a platform that declares in the strongest possible terms for protection. In the coming long battle over the details of revision, our main industry can produce facts and figures which would seem to insure us against any more serious consequence than possibly some concessions to the Philippines, on sentimental grounds. In this battle we have with us the great forces of the American mainland industry. We can endorse Roosevelt,—the greatest friend we have had in Washington,—and protection, but we can hardly endorse Roosevelt and the Stand Pat policy, any more than we can endorse Taft and Stand Pat.

A PRETTY HONOLULU SCRNR.

The Lilliputian performance at the Orpheum last night was one unique in local theatrical history. It is safe to say that in all their travels the little players will not find another community that will take them to heart as this one has done. It is one of the things we pride ourselves upon as a community, that such worthy visitors are so taken to heart. Those who saw some of the clever little girls crying as they sang farewells to girl and boy friends,—as well as older friends,—made here, appreciated the sincerity of the finely spoken farewell address of thanks. Such loads of flowers as last night burdened the clever little players were never passed over footlights here before. Honolulu wishes the youngsters godspeed, and is to be congratulated on having the other, local, little ladies and gentlemen who have so finely entertained the visitors.

REASONS FOR REAPPOINTMENT.

If President Pinkham does retire, it will be with the almost unanimous regrets of a community he has well served. His course in the Wallach matter cannot be defended,—but was he as foolish as the Committee of Ten? His Japanese letter of last year was unwise, but wasn't it a closed incident long ago? Finally, a Japanese mass meeting on the subject, and the activity of the Japanese consul in the matter, are proceedings so impudent as to call for a reappointment by way of rebuke. Have we come to a point where our governor is to be influenced by mass meetings of aliens, in the matter of appointments of an American official? Is it to be understood hereafter that our department officials must stand in with the Japanese, or the Chinese, or Koreans, or any other non-citizens, or be subject to covert campaigns against them by the foreign consuls and mass meetings of their countrymen? Once



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Wade Held For Now

JUDGE DOLE WILL, HOWEVER,
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The Territory has won the first round in the George Wade habeas corpus case, by a decision of Judge Dole handed down this morning. By it the Court holds the matter open and will go into the facts of the alleged reversal of the Circuit Court's order for discharge by the Supreme Court, on which point the life sentence of the prisoner hangs.

The case is a very interesting one and has been carried into the Federal court by C. C. Bitting, attorney for Wade, a confessed murderer, who was sentenced by the Circuit Court to imprisonment for life in 1899. Later he was ordered discharged on habeas corpus proceedings brought before the Circuit Court, but the order never went into effect, and the Territory claims that it was reversed by an order of the Supreme Court to which the matter was appealed. However, the territory has been unable to produce the minutes of the court showing such reversal of the lower courts, it appearing that 99 minutes were kept of the case by the clerk, and all that remains is a few memoranda on the subject and the oral statements of various persons. For this reason Attorney Bitting argued that the prisoner is being held without any authority, there being no evidence that the order for discharge was ever overruled.

It is on this contention that Judge Dole passes this morning, and announces that he will hear what the Territory can produce in way of proof that the Supreme Court did really grant a decree setting aside the Circuit Court's ruling. The court concedes.

"I feel, however, that this court may go into the matter and receive testimony as to the alleged decision bearing on the disposition of the appeal in question, if there was such appeal, and as to its exact character. Such investigation must necessarily be strict and guarded in its allowance and consideration of evidence.

The motion to discharge the prisoner.

Again, we call the attention of the too sensitive Japanese to the fact that Americans are not sensitive, otherwise they would resent such interference, as Japanese in Yokohama would resent efforts of the American consul there, or of the American population, to control purely Japanese politics.

The Star does not know what Governor Frear's views of the Pinkham matter are. There was an apparently fairly authoritative rumor ten days ago that the matter had been practically decided against Pinkham, though it may be that the spontaneous public support of Pinkham,—certainly unexpected in its strength and unanimity,—has changed the situation. However this may be, and whatever the result of the controversy, Mr. Pinkham has been given, in the public eye at least, the support and appreciation his record entitles him to. As the record stands, unless there are reasons to the contrary not so far made known, a reappointment should be made.

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